

## Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

# General Services Administration(GSA)

Southeast Federal Center (SEFC)

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Washington, DC 20507

Congressional District 1

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## Current Progress at the Site

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Extensive progress has been made with the interim measures and RCRA facility investigation and cleanup of the SEFC Site prior to/and following EPA and GSA completing negotiations of the July 14, 1999 RCRA Administrative Order under Section 3013. The physical facility is approximately half of the 124-acre, 200-year old Washington Navy Yard. Substantial environmental remediation and demolition activities at their facility have been completed prior to the execution of the July 1999 Order. The geographical area and the substantial minority population make the facility a part of EPA's Anacostia Initiative and the Environmental Justice Initiative. Under the Order, GSA is required to complete the facility investigation. The Order was effective August 2, 1999 and requires:

- **Interim Measures-** a continuation of ongoing short-term actions to remove, raze, and rehabilitate various onsite buildings; remediate contaminated soils from onsite locations; clean and rehabilitate the two storm sewer outfalls; and restore the seawall that provided a barrier against migration of onsite contaminants to the Anacostia River;
- **RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI)** to provide more in-depth information on near shore sediments at the Anacostia River, groundwater monitoring; and additional information about other sites and areas of concern.

Prior to signing the RCRA Consent Order, GSA voluntarily initiated the following activities at the site:

- Removed contaminated sediments from 2 storm water outfalls, including the primary storm sewer outfall onsite, which are being cleaned through the NPDES permit. Sediments were contaminated with PCBs and heavy metals;  
Status: Completed.
- Abate/Raze 12 Buildings contaminated with PCBs, PAHs, heavy metals & asbestos.  
Status: Completed.
- Clean up 13 soil hot spots contaminated with heavy metals & PCBs;  
Status: Completed.
- Renovate the seawall next to the Anacostia River.  
Status: Completed: Spring 2002
- Nearshore Sediment Study: Submitted to EPA. Completed 6/02.

The facility has completed all of the proposed interim measures by the end of fiscal year 2002. The RFI Work Plan, which details the activities, tests, and results involved in the comprehensive facility investigation was approved in November 2001. The RFI tasks were revised to provide delineation of the facility into two portions. Each portion has separate and related approved tasks scheduled for completion in year 2003. GSA has completed the RFI report for the Dot Parcel and it has been approved by EPA contingent upon GSA providing additional information as itemized in the EPA approval letter of April 2003. The RFI report for the remainder of the facility is scheduled for the fall 2003. GSA is developing additional Interim Measures to remediate contaminants determined through the RFI.

## **Site Description**

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The site is located on the banks of the Anacostia River, within two miles of the White House. The site began in 1799 as a shipbuilding facility, became an ordnance research and manufacturing facility, then, since World War II, was restructured to become administrative offices and storage space. The SEFC portion was transferred to GSA in 1963. In April 2002, GSA announced the proposed sale and transfer of a portion of the facility to the US Department of Transportation.

## **Site Responsibility**

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RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the District of Columbia.

## **Contaminants**

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The main contaminants in the groundwater, soil, sediments, and surface water are solvents, poly aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and heavy metals, such as lead, arsenic and chromium.

## **Community Interaction**

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The SEFC Site borders the Anacostia River in S.E. Washington D. C. and is surrounded by an active residential community. The community relations plan has been approved and will be implemented in the Winter 2001.

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